





## LATEST NOTICES

## REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 14

H. M. ESCORT CARRIER  
"BLINGER"

1. Stanley passengers assemble at Stanley at 9.15 a.m. on Sunday, 7th October.

2. Hongkong passengers assemble at Queen's Pier at 10.00 a.m.; or if residents of Kowloon assemble at Holt's Wharf at 11 a.m.

3. Passengers must not board the vessel without first obtaining their embarkation card.

The undomesticated are listed for this ship:

F. H. Wares (Police)  
P. J. Clarke  
N. A. Elborg  
P. W. Shafstun  
D. J. J. Ball  
L. G. J. Ball  
K. G. Blair  
H. L. Clift  
V. V. Macdonnell  
E. J. S. Macdonnell  
A. B. Hanson  
J. A. Kennard  
C. R. Garcia  
H. V. Thorne  
F. W. Van der Bleson  
W. D. Murray  
N. L. Nothgiggen  
G. E. F. Thompson  
N. Lee  
H. W. R. C. McDonald  
W. J. Morris  
J. R. Lov  
G. H. A. Stephenson, T. G.  
G. H. A. Graham, A.

H. K. V. D. C.

Pto. Tillery, Jnr., W. C.  
C. M. S. Anderson, O. T.  
L. C. P. Ellis, E. M.  
Sgt. Kahan, K. A.  
Sgt. Wood, G. D.  
Cpl. Tomlin, A. N.  
Sgt. M. L. Latham, G. P.  
Sgt. Pearson, J. D.  
Sgt. Pearson, K. A.  
Gnr. Brown, J. N.

HONGKONG TELEPHONE  
CO., LTD.

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- A flat rate of \$15. per month for those exchange lines on which the former pro-vice rate was \$117. per annum.
- An increase of 50 per cent. on pro-vice charges for all other services.

Under present conditions of working these charges do not represent economic rates but the Company is prepared temporarily to operate on this basis in an endeavour to make service available to the public at low cost. It will not be possible, under existing circumstances, for the Company to render accounts in the normal routine manner owing to Government, the Forces, and other similar Administrations, and subscribers are requested, therefore, to pay accounts at the Company's Office, Exchange Building, 14, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong. Rentals are payable quarterly in advance and are now due in respect of the October-December 1945 quarter as well as for the month of September 1945. All accounts now due must be paid before the 31st October, 1945 on which date telephone service will be discontinued where accounts remain unpaid.

HONGKONG TELEPHONE  
CO., LTD.J. P. SHERRY,  
Managing Director.

4th October, 1945.

ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING  
CHATER ROAD

Public Works Department having arranged to occupy most of the building, office tenants prior to December 1941 are informed with much regret that the proprietors are unable to offer them accommodation.

KADOORIE ESTATES

Lowie Bingham & Matthews,  
Agents.

4th October, 1945.

## NOTICE

I am leaving the Colony on 4th October, 1945. Until Mr. O. Bernard Brown arrives from United Kingdom the affairs of Messrs. Linsell & Davis will be looked after by MESSRS. ARNALDO HENRIQUE SILVA and HENRY D. HONG CHUNG.

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## WORLD TRADE

So little that is really informative has emerged from the Anglo-American financial discussions in Washington that it is difficult to realise how much hinges upon their successful issue. Upon it depends the sort of world trading system that will now be substituted for the old. The alternatives are plainly posed. Either Britain and the United States will come to an arrangement from which there can be developed an all-embracing system for exchanges of commodities between nations, with the ideal in view of meeting world supply and demand along smoothly regulated channels designed to eliminate artificial barriers. Or, Britain will be compelled to withdraw into her shell, and largely isolate the sterling bloc from the dollar bloc, to imperil every hope for a free and expanding flow of supplies to areas where they are most needed. The difficulties are tremendous. Imperial Preference is inevitably challenged, and it is met by the not unnatural claim that concessions on the one side must receive compensation in the form of a reduction in American tariffs. The solution depends, of course, less upon the presentation of hard facts and figures to prove this or that, than upon the approach to the problem. If the answers are conceived in the same spirit which gave rise to the London Conference, neither America nor Britain will have complaint to make. The exact figures involved in lease-lend and mutual aid payments to Britain and her allies in Britain are for the most part unknown. But it is known that Britain in the "single-minded prosecution of the war" has disposed of herself of two thousand million pounds, and Mr. Hugh Dalton has disclosed that, in addition, we have undischarged debts to the Dominions and other countries of a further three and a half thousand million pounds. However successful the present efforts to boom the British export trade, it is fairly certain that there will be a further heavy deficit in international payments during the transition from wartime to peacetime production. The situation, therefore, demands that at Washington a start should be made towards that concert of allied nations for peacetime mutual assistance which was envisaged by the late President Roosevelt. The international future depends upon Lord Keynes and the representatives of the American Treasury. Without an Anglo-American agreement, there can be no satisfactory working agreement anywhere possible. And unless the whole point and purpose is to create the conditions precedent to an expanding world economy, then all nations, including the United States, are headed for disaster.

## ODDS AND ENDS

The Japanese helped themselves to everything of value at Lammer's Auction Rooms, but they left behind a damaged billiard table packed and stored by Royal Navy in 1941, a damaged piano, a refrigerator that was out of order, a collection of blackwood odds and ends, all of which are now the worse for wear, and office furniture of a type Lammer's representative pointed to a pile of what was now waste paper and said, "That pile there was worth thousands of dollars."

Mr. P. J. Stoneman, of the Chinese Maritime Customs service, is now in Canton. He was stationed with the Chinese Customs in Hong Kong till the middle of 1941, when he was transferred to Chungking and was appointed to a post with the Stabilisation Board of China. Mrs. P. J. Stoneman, and her daughter, now married, are in India.

## NOTICE

Will anyone who has any knowledge of the whereabouts of any records, furniture and goods belonging to our firm kindly communicate with us.

ANDERSEN, MEYER &  
CO., LTD.  
David Jones, 1st floor.LIFE ON BOARD  
H.M.S. VINDEX

H.M.S. "VINDEX," THE ESCORT CARRIER WHICH LEFT HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 18 WITH STANLEY INTERNEES AND AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM HAINAN, ARRIVED AT MANUS, IN THE ADMIRALTY GROUP, ON SEPTEMBER 24 ACCORDING TO A LETTER RECEIVED YESTERDAY FROM ONE OF THE HONG KONG PARTY.

"VINDEX" WAS TO TAKE ON PLANES AT MANUS, AND EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SYDNEY ON OCTOBER 3. (LATER CABLED ADVICE CONFIRMED THIS).

H.K. Man's  
Adventures

FORMERLY CHIEF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ON THE AIRPORT TUNNELS CONSTRUCTION SCHEME LOCALLY, MAJOR SERGEY LAVROV, OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, IS NOW IN CHUNGKING.

Major Lavrov was instrumental in completing approximately 50,000 feet of tunneling in Hong Kong in record time.

He was in Hong Kong during the Japanese attack on the Colony and left overland illegally where the Japanese were concerned, on February 9th, 1942, in company with Dr. Jan H. Marsman, Chairman of the Marseman Companies.

The route they chose was via Ho Chun and Sai Kung, and from there by junk via Taiipo to Tamshui. From Tamshui they walked to Waichow.

They were accompanied by two guides, one of whom was Mr. F. H. Yu, one-time prominent local sportsman and swimmer.

They managed to communicate with those they had left behind them in Hong Kong, a runner from Shiuksan reporting here in March, 1942.

In Shiuksan, Major Lavrov was held up for some time while the runner was on his way back with the Major's United States Passport.

From Shiuksan, Major Lavrov travelled to the United States, where he was for some time on a lecture tour on behalf of the Government.

Dr. J. H. Marsman was instrumental in obtaining accommodation for air transport from Shiuksan to Chungking and his arrival in China's wartime capital was reported by the Chungking radio and picked up here in mid-April, 1942.

Subsequently, Dr. Marsman proceeded to the United States and is at present in San Francisco.

Col. Amps  
Back

A MAN WHO WAS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING IS BACK THERE TO-DAY IN A LITTLE OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

He is Lt.-Col. L. W. Amps, O.B.E., R.E., now Assistant Director of Works in the Public Works Branch of Civil Affairs Administration.

He is a partner in the firm of Logan and Amps, which constructed the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building.

At the beginning of the war he was appointed a director at the War Office to organize a Pioneer Corps, with the active rank of Major-General.

Subsequently, he commanded the Royal Engineers in the Western Command in England, and in the beginning of this year was appointed to Burma to the Civil Affairs Works Branch.

The Pioneer Corps organized by Lt.-Col. Amps had the title of the "Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps," the A.M.P.C., which just barely missed being an exact reproduction of the organizer's name.

Interviewed, Lt.-Col. Amps would, in common with the general trend, not speak of his war service experience other than to say that the damage in Rangoon exceeded by far that suffered by installations locally.

## KOWLOON ARREST

Arrested on Tuesday night by Capt. J. K. Lee, R.M., Edward Kay was brought before Lt. Nijal at the Standing Military Court, Kowloon, on charges of unlawful possession of an Enfield revolver and six rounds of ammunition at 700, Nathan Road on October 2, and that unlawful possession of six rounds of 38 ammunition at 554, Nathan Road on the same date.

Defendant said he wished to consult a solicitor and was remanded in custody to October 11.

Sgt. Salter was in charge of the case.

London, Oct. 4. The United Nations Preparatory Commission, sitting in London, has agreed that the permanent headquarters of the World Executive Council be in the United States.

## WOULD BRING CHAOS

Washington, Oct. 5. Senator Wherry, Nebraska Republican, said to-day that American acceptance of the Russian proposal for a four-power government to replace General MacArthur as supreme authority in Japan would bring chaos in Asia. He declared that the United States policy toward Japan "is becoming more and more confused."—Associated Press.

Australian  
Leader  
Vehement

LONDON, OCT. 5. ASKED TO GIVE AN OPINION ON M. MOLOTOV'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY, THAT IT WAS "UNFORTUNATE" THE SUBJECT OF THE FAR EAST WAS NOT REACHED DURING THE LONDON TALKS, SAID DR. EVATT: "I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT SCANDAL IF THEY HAD DISCUSSED FAR EASTERN MATTERS WITHOUT OUR PRESENCE. I AM VERY GLAD AND RELIEVED THAT IT WAS NOT DISCUSSED."

Speaking with some vehemence, Dr. Evatt continued that the "exclusion of Australia as a Pacific power cannot be defended. With America the brunt of the fighting there was borne by Australia and New Zealand. Our Dominion must be there at all talks on Far Eastern matters. That absolute right has been won by Australia by its war effort, and we shall do what we can to prevent a discussion of these affairs behind our backs. In Pacific affairs, we have special responsibilities, special knowledge and special rights. We shall watch everything that happens concerning the Pacific very clearly indeed."—Reuter.

I. R. C. MEN  
BACK

AS MORE OFFICES IN THE COLONY RE-OPEN, THE "REFUGEE COMMUNITY" IN MACAO IS GROWING SMALLER ALTHOUGH STILL NOT A FEW REMAIN IN THE PORTUGUESE COLONY.

The majority merely await "official recall" from Hong Kong.

Most of the local Indian staff of the Hong Kong Electric Company are already back, while many of the local staff of the Naval Dockyard have returned.

It is interesting to learn that while tennis and lawn bowls proved quite proper in Macao, efforts to get cricket going there proved unavailing. Many of the Indian Recreation Club cricketers were there for the duration, and with one talking bats, the second stumps, and so on, gear was not lacking, but somehow, cricket just did not catch on.

Now bats, balls, stumps, etc., are back in the Colony and it is to be hoped that it will not be long before cricket will come into its own again.

Mass Invasion Of  
Palestine Looming

LONDON, OCT. 5. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS IN EUROPE WILL TRY TO FIGHT THEIR WAY INTO PALESTINE UNLESS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACTS VERY SOON TO GIVE THE JEWS A REFUGE IN THEIR NATIONAL HOME.

THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE IN AN ARTICLE IN THE "NEWS CHRONICLE" YESTERDAY BY ITS REPORTER MR. RONALD CAMP, WHO QUOTES IT AS THE VIEW OF MR. R. ZASLANI OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE.

"There is no doubt," he continues, "that if the Jews receive no acceptable alternative, a mass invasion of Palestine will take place with thousands of Jews armed and desperately determined to land and lose their lives rather than to be deported."

Mr. Zaslani told me in a restrained and carefully calculated interview that the real problem which faces Britain in Palestine now is one which can lead to war.

"Unless the needs of the Jews are met, this terrible calamity is inevitable," he said, "and should it happen we, as organized Palestinian Jews, will have to admit that there is no other way."

A charity basketball match, to raise funds for reconstruction in China, will be held at Chinese Y.M.C.A. Bridges Street, on Thursday, October 11, at 7 p.m. when teams representing the Chinese "W" and "W" Hong Athletic Club will clash.

Chinese music will be provided during the interval by some of the Colony's leading Chinese artists and musicians, at \$10, \$5 and \$1 will be on sale, obtainable at the Chinese "W" and "W" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

STORMY SCENE AT  
LAVAL'S TRIAL

PARIS, OCT. 5. PIERRE LAVAL WAS EXPELLED FROM THE COURTROOM YESTERDAY DURING THE FIRST DAY OF HIS TRIAL FOR LIFE ON CHARGES OF COLLABORATING WITH THE NAZIS, AND JUDGE PAUL MONGIBEAUX ANNOUNCED THAT THE BETRAYAL TRIAL WOULD CONTINUE WITHOUT HIS PRESENCE.

THE JUDGE'S ACTION CAME AFTER LAVAL, IN A HEATED ARGUMENT, SLAMMED HIS BRIEF CASE ONTO THE TABLE AND SHOUTED HIS PROTESTS AGAINST THE PROCEDURE.

A youthful spectator, son of the former Vichy government agricultural minister, Pierre Cathala, applauded Laval's statement and was arrested amid the crowd's cries of "lynch him."

At this point, the judge suspended the proceedings and guards with machine-guns took Laval and young Cathala from the courtroom.

At Laval's outburst, Judge Mongibeaux shouted "Guard! Expel that man from courtroom. This trial will continue without his presence. We will proceed to the witnesses to-morrow in his absence."

The entire incident began when Laval, in an emotional plea, requested for the second time during the day that his pre-trial examination be re-opened and the trial postponed.—Associated Press.

OWN DEFENCE  
Paris, Oct. 5. After the stormy scene, Pierre Laval, sixty-two year old former Vichy Premier, declared in a statement to-day that he would conduct his own defence and that after the French elections on October 21, either the Constituent Assembly or the French Senate, must review his case.

M. Laval, who faces a death sentence if convicted of the charges which include plotting against the unity of France, hatred of Britain and dealings with the enemy, had earlier in the trial shouted angrily: "You can condemn me but you have no right to insult me," when the prosecution said that his trial was "an insult to the law."

M. Laval added: "I am a Frenchman. I love my country."

M. Laval's outburst came after a heated exchange with the president of the Court, Judge Mongibeaux, when it was announced that defendant's two counsels, M. Albert Naud and M. Barradeau, had refused to serve.

AN APOLOGY  
Later, apologising for the scene he had created, M. Laval said: "I am not surprised at the decision reached by counsel in my case."

After a brief suspension to enable M. Laval to confer with the prosecution concerning his defence, Judge Mongibeaux warned M. Laval that he would be removed from the Court unless he behaved.

M. Laval replied that his respect for the law and self-interest would be a guarantee of his good conduct.

He continued, however, to interject comments throughout the proceedings and when rebuked, again muttered: "I have the right to speak last—the rules of the law have been violated."—Reuter.

Laval's two defence counsel have been ordered to appear for him. They withdrew on the plea that they had no time to prepare their case.—Reuter.

American  
Action In Spain

MADRID, OCT. 4. THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY HAS BEGUN DISTRIBUTION OF 90,000 COPIES OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S LAST MESSAGE TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN WHICH HE CONDEMNED THE FRANCO REGIME.

The distribution, in Spanish translation, began only a few hours before Franco convened his cabinet to consider Spanish affairs.

The publication, to be circulated more widely than any Spanish newspaper, also carries a Spanish translation of the recent sharp press conference remarks of Acting Secretary of State Acheson regarding Spain.

The importance of the translation was heightened by the fact that the Spanish press did not print the Potsdam declaration, President Roosevelt's letter or President Truman's recent remark that "we do not like Franco nor his regime."

It was viewed here that the action undoubtedly had the approval of the U.S. government and reflected continued determination to make certain that the Spanish populace learn of the United States attitude toward Spain.—Associated Press.

Revolution  
In Cars

London, Oct. 5. A revolutionary motorcar and tractor, employing a three-cylinder turbine, assisted by a radial engine driving the rear shaft and selling at popular price, will make its appearance on the streets of India.

The plans of William Deeds Kendall, forty-two-year-old war factory owner, and independent member of the British Parliament, have been completed with Bombay interests.

Kendall, who during the war directed factories with a personnel of seven thousand people, and who was joint designer of the Kendall car and tractor, says he made arrangements with A. Karim of the Allied Agencies, London, acting on behalf of S. A. Ahmed of Bombay, for the manufacture of both car and tractor as well as other products, such as diesel engines, at a large new factory outside Bombay.

The arrangements, he says, will represent the sum of half a million sterling at the Indian end, and Indian interests are arranging to participate in the manufacturing project at the British end to the tune of a quarter-million pounds.

Kendall's car has already been demonstrated in its passenger automobile form to members of Parliament at Westminster.—Reuter.

SUBMARINE  
ACHIEVEMENT

COLOMBO, OCT. 5. A NAVAL OFFICER TO-DAY REVEALED THE SCALE OF THE WORK OF BRITISH SUBMARINES IN THE PACIFIC DURING THE WAR.

British submarines sank more than 270 ships of all sizes, which gives an idea of the long wearing down process involved in the Pacific. They were also out for weeks gathering information about weather, exploring minefields and finding passages through them.—Reuter.

## STRIKE THREAT

New York, Oct. 5. It is reported that the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the Automobile Workers' Union had threatened to call a strike in every car plant in the United States, following the reaction by General Motors Corporation of a "thirty per cent" wage increase.

In Pittsburgh, coal rationing had to be introduced in view of the serious supply situation, caused by the strike of fifteen thousand miners.—Reuter.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, Oct. 5. The cotton market continued active and steady on Thursday with further mill covering against textile orders and new commission house buying. It was influenced by reintroduction in Congress of legislation to include farm labour costs in figuring parity prices.

The stock market was mixed and quiet with light issues advancing fractionally. There was some demand for staples, selected wool, rails and rubbers.—Associated Press.

## WAR CRIMINALS

Canberra, Oct. 5. It was stated in the House of Representatives in Canberra to-day that there will be no delay in bringing to trial war criminals arrested in connection with offences against Australian prisoners of war. The trials will be heard by Military Tribunals on the lines of General Courts-Martial.—Reuter.

ACT OF DESPAIR  
"War is an act of despair, and the Jews in Europe are desperate. Thousands of them are determined to take things into their own hands. They will steal boats and buy boats and get across the Mediterranean. They will risk all attempts to prevent them from leaving."

B. S. M. Harkins has been appointed W.O. in charge of H.K.V.C. transport, and C.M.S. Barmkara as W.O. in charge of Chinese collection staff.



# SIX DAYS TO CONFORM MacArthur's Sweeping Directive In Japan

## DEATH SENTENCE

Paris, Oct. 5. M. Joseph Darnand, former head of the Vichy Militia, was sentenced to death yesterday, after his trial as one of France's war criminals.—Reuter.

## JAPAN'S SECRET WEAPONS

TOKYO, OCT. 4. THE NEWSPAPER ASAHI DISCLOSED TO-DAY DETAILS OF AN UNDERWATER KAMIKAZE CORPS—HUMAN TORPEDOES FIRED FROM DECK OF SUBMARINES—WHICH JOINED WITH SUICIDAL AIRPLANES IN THE FINAL FUTILE EFFORT TO TURN BACK ALLIED WARSHIPS AND CONVOYS.

The newspaper said large submarines carried six human torpedoes, each torpedo packed with two tons of explosives and guided by a navy volunteer. It said the weapon could travel for 50 minutes at 25 knots, compared with 40 knots for an ordinary torpedo.

Asahi said the weapons carried a name meaning "turn toward heaven." The operator could control the speed and direction of the underwater missile and look about the ocean surface through a periscope. The number of the weapons sent into action was unknown, Asahi said, but at the surrender of the force consisted of seven of the submarines.

The "Maklen" submarines struck at American fleet units anchored near Ulithi atoll on November 20, 1944, the paper reported, and claimed they sank two aircraft carriers and three battleships—a claim which is not confirmed by United States navy announcements.—Associated Press.

## Japan Makes Request

TOKYO, OCT. 4. DOMEI NEWS AGENCY SAID TO-DAY THAT JAPAN WILL ASK THE ALLIED COMMAND'S PERMISSION TO EXCHANGE SILK AND RAYON FOR OTHER NATIONS' FOODSTUFFS TO MEET THE CURRENT CRITICAL FOOD SHORTAGE.

The Japanese government is prepared to allow vessels to ship 70,000 to 75,000 tons of silk monthly from Kyushu to Korea for use in railway operations under the Allied Command's instructions. Japan requested Korean rice and salt in exchange for the vessels.

Of 300 vessels which needed repairs on September 22, more than 100 have already been fitted out.

Of 99 warships afloat when Japan surrendered, 97 have been refitted to return Japanese troops now prisoners of war to the homeland.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry proposed that production of civilian goods should be expanded to a maximum through the conversion of existing industries and reconversion of war plants as soon as possible, with government controls retained only where considered essential.—Associated Press.

## VIOLENT UPHEAVAL MAY RESULT

TOKYO, OCT. 5. COL. KEN R. DYKE, CHIEF OF GENERAL MACARTHUR'S CIVIL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION SECTION, TO-DAY KNOWLEDGED THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF INTENSE POLITICAL AND POSSIBLY PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AS ONE COROLLARY OF THE SWIFTEST SOCIAL REFORM IN HISTORY—MACARTHUR'S SWEEPING ORDER TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO GIVE ITS PEOPLE COMPLETE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, THOUGHT AND ACTION.

"MOST OF THE LAWS AFFECTED BY THE ORDER WERE ENACTED DURING THE LAST DECADE," SAID DYKE. "BUT THEY ARE ROOTED IN JAPANESE FEUDALISM WHICH BACKDROPS MODERN JAPAN AND IT MAY TAKE A GENERATION TO ROOT OUT THOROUGHLY ALL TRACE OF SUCH A SYSTEM."

## DEPUTIES TO GO ON

London, Oct. 4. The Deputies of the Big Five will go on with their work, it was announced to-day, though their task will be lighter than originally designed. The treaties with Italy, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria are in abeyance for the moment, but they will work on the problem of the future of the Ruhr and the Rhineland, among other matters.—Reuter.

A former Peak resident visited what was left of his home the other day, found only a collar in the underground, decided to write to the "makers" and congratulate them on the durability of their goods, and then lost the collar on his way back to the city.

## Guards Protect Records

TOKYO, OCT. 5. FRANK ROBERT, REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN TOKYO WRITES: "A SENSATIONAL DIRECTIVE FROM GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, YESTERDAY INSISTED ON THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF IWAO YAMAZAKI, JAPANESE HOME MINISTER, WHO STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE THE 'THOUGHT CONTROL' OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE AND THE ARREST OF 'COMMUNISTS.'"

"THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN EXACTLY SIX DAYS—THE DAY OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THE 'DOUBLE TENTH'—TO MAKE UP ITS MIND ABOUT GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ORDER, WHICH ALSO CALLS FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, THE ABOLITION OF ALL LAWS AFFECTING THE CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE 'THOUGHT-CONTROL POLICE,' JAPAN'S GESTAPO."

"General MacArthur also ordered the discharge of all leading civil officials throughout the country who had anything to do with the 'thought control' law, which permitted the arrest and imprisonment of anyone for almost anything on the grounds of preserving 'tranquillity.'"

"Large numbers have been imprisoned in solitary confinement for almost every minor display of opposition to Japanese Government policy."

General MacArthur's spokesman estimated that over two thousand political prisoners are under detention, many of whom had been arrested as long as ten years ago.

"Among the laws to be abolished," the spokesman said, "were those which restrict discussion of the Emperor, the Imperial Institution and the Imperial Government."

NEVER BEFORE "Charges of talking about the Emperor were one of the main causes given for arrests during the war. Never before has freedom of discussion on the subject of the Emperor been granted in Japan."

The spokesman described the directive as the "main step toward the establishment of the independence of Japan and encouragement to all intelligent and liberal thinking Japanese."

## CIVIL AFFAIRS IN CHINA

Chungking, Oct. 4. Col. Hardy C. Dillard, former director and instructor at the school of military government in the United States, has come to China to serve as consultant advisor on civil affairs problems with the civil affairs branch of the American army's G-5 section.

Dillard will be technical advisor, assisting in the instruction of Chinese officers in the civil affairs school. Students to be graduated soon will leave for Japan and recovered areas of China.—Associated Press.

## HOMEWARD BOUND

London, Oct. 5. It was learned from SEAC to-day that 33,000 ex-prisoners of war and internees have passed through Singapore on their way to England, and 12,000 through Rangoon.—Reuter.

## HUGE HOARD IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Oct. 5. Thirty-one cases, filled with gold and silver bars and banknotes, were to-day discovered here in a Japanese house by soldiers of General Tang En Po, Chinese Commander in the Shanghai and Nanjing area. Several Japanese have been arrested and are now being questioned.—Reuter.

## Labour Party And India

LONDON, OCT. 4. THE EXAMPLE SET TO THE INDIAN COMMUNITY BY MAULANA ABDUL MAJID, IMAM OF THE WOKING MOSQUE IN TAKING PART IN TUESDAY NIGHT'S INDIA LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS OF GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY, SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THE IMMEDIATE FUSION OF EXISTING INDIAN ORGANISATIONS IN THE CAUSE OF EARLY INDEPENDENCE FOR INDIA, SAYS W. G. COVE, MEMBER OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF THE INDIA LEAGUE.

"Immediate fusion of the committee of Indian congressmen and the India League would do a great deal to strengthen the presentation of India's cause here," he said in interview. "The next move in the solution of the Indian problem may come from here, and such a demonstration of solidarity in the common cause would be impressive."

Mr. Cove followed his statement with an appeal to the leaders of the Indian National Congress to replace their aloof attitude with one of co-operation.

"The Congress leaders are too aloof from leaders of the British Government," he said. "It is the parrot cry here that Labour members of Parliament are 'in the pay' of the Congress party. In actual fact, we never know who Congress is thinking until we read despatches in the newspapers. Points of contact between leaders of the two great parties should be established in common interest for nothing would be lost and much might be gained by such a move."—Reuter.

## TRUMAN'S PROMISE

WASHINGTON, OCT. 4. PRESIDENT OSMA SAI TO-DAY THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S PROMISE TO HELP REHABILITATE THE PHILIPPINES BEFORE GRANTING INDEPENDENCE REPAID THE FILIPINOS FOR THEIR WAKING LOYALTY AND SUPPORT.

He said Mr. Truman's statement showed the United States "approaching our problems as I always has during our many years of fruitful association—sympathetically, constructively and justly."

The "battle of Manila" in February before the Japanese garrison was driven into the mountains, along with wanton Japanese demolition in much of the business district, left much of the city in ruins. Many other Philippine towns were devastated by battle or bombings.—Associated Press.

## MORE MARINES TO BE RELEASED

Washington, Oct. 4. The U.S. Marine Corps announced to-day that the point score required for enlisted men and officers to gain their release from service will be lowered from 70 to 60. Points are awarded on the basis of time in the service, time overseas, battle decorations and dependents.—Associated Press.

## A MOCKERY

Bombay, Oct. 4. The Delhi "Hindustan Times" declared to-day that the Annamites were making a brave fight for Indo-China independence and "India's sympathies are all on their side." It asserted that the efforts of the British, Americans and French to suppress the Indo-China nationalist movement is "a mockery" of talk about liberating people who had been subject to Japanese rule.—Associated Press.

## Technical Question!

San Francisco, Oct. 4. Marcos V. Agustin, Filipino colonel who commanded a regiment of the famed "Marauders" guerrillas in the Philippines, applied to-day for American citizenship, but the federal court delayed approval on the technical question of whether he properly was a member of the United States army.

As such, he would automatically win citizenship, Agustin told the court he was a civilian when the Japanese invaded the Philippines. As a guerrilla, he operated a transmitter to maintain radio contact with Australia. Eventually he took an oath of allegiance to the army.—Associated Press.

## NOTICE

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  2. Rank.
  3. Initials & Name.
  4. Regiment or Corps.
  5. Permanent address or other details.
  6. Relationship to claimant.
- B. Details of Claimant.
  7. Name.
  8. Permanent address.
  9. Number of children & age.
  10. Amount previously paid per week.
  11. Date last weekly payment drawn.

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No. 10 Staff Paymaster,  
H. Q. Land Forces.

## CHURCH NOTICES

### ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday, October 7—Trinity XIX—Holy Communion 7.15 a.m., Holy Communion 8.00 a.m., Morning Service 10.00 a.m. (Preacher: Rev. T. H. H. Lee, R.N.). Matins and Evensong 11.00 a.m. (Preacher: Rev. A. P. Rose). Holy Communion 12.00 noon, Evensong and Sermon 6.30 p.m. (Preacher: Rev. Lloyd G. Harding, R.N.).

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### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AND FREE CHURCH

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### ST. ANDREW'S, KOWLOON

Sunday, 7th October—Holy Communion 8 a.m., Parade Service: Rev. M. Woods, R.N. 10 a.m.; Matins, Rev. H. A. Wintchen 11 a.m.; Evensong: Rev. A. Boyd, C.F. 6.30 p.m.

### CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

(16, Cain Road)

Sunday, October 7—Feast of the Holy Rosary Mass 6.15 a.m., 7 a.m. (Sermon in Chinese), 8 a.m. (Sermon in Chinese & English), 10 a.m. (Sermon in English). Special Mass by Rev. Fr. Chatterton, Naval Chaplain 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10—Special Peace Celebrations and Thanksgiving. At 5.30 p.m. Rosary, Sermon in Chinese, Solemn "Te Deum" and Benediction.

### ROSARY CHURCH, KOWLOON

Sunday, October 7—Feast of the Most Holy Rosary to be celebrated. Low Pontifical Mass 7.30 a.m., Solemn High Mass 9.00 a.m., Rosary, Litany of the B.V.M. and "Supplicia" to Our Lady of Pompei 11.45 a.m., Rosary 4.00 p.m. Sermon in Chinese by Rev. Fr. J. Pittavino, I.P.M.E. Sermon in English by Rev. Fr. H. F. Power, C.M.M., Chaplain, R.A.F. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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# Chiang's Kunming Coup: Warlord Liquidation

## SOEKARNO KICKS OUT JAPS

Batavia, Oct. 5. Dr. Soekarno's Republican followers, have ousted the Japanese and taken control of two cities, Bandung and Sourabaya, according to an official report from Bandung. —Reuter.

## Awkward Question

GLASGOW, OCT. 5. THE INDEPENDENT "GLASGOW HERALD" IN AN EDITORIAL ON THE BOMBAY RIOTS, SAYS: "QUESTIONS ARE OFTEN ASKED WHETHER HINDUS AND MUSLIMS HAVE FIGHTED MORE OFTEN OR MORE BITTERLY DURING THE PRESENT TIME OF POLITICAL UNREST THAN IN THE PERIOD BEFORE THE CONGRESS PARTY AND THE MUSLIM LEAGUE CAME TO STAND FOR IRRECONCILABLE CLAIMS.

"The answer is indubitably yes, although no Indian would argue that there is anything to be gained for either side by rioting or incendiarism. There is the old accusation that some British officials are to be found, who do not grieve overmuch when Hindus and Muslims fly at each other throat.

"The charge is patently absurd for every authority, whether British or Indian, comes in for severe judgment whenever peace is broken.

"As a matter of plain fact, the Bombay scenes of the past week offers the sharpest possible challenge to leaders such as Gandhi and Jinnah. Do they wish the world to infer that their influence has no weight at all with the common people?" —Reuter.

## Moscow Charge

MOSCOW, OCT. 5. ALLEGATIONS THAT EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE IN THE ALLIED OCCUPATION ZONES IN EUROPE TO PREVENT THE REPATRIATION OF SOVIET CITIZENS WERE RENEWED TO-DAY BY COLONEL GOLIKOV, HEAD OF THE ORGANISATION DEALING WITH REPATRIATION.

Colonel Golikov wrote in "Pravda": "Organisations in the British, American and French zones, whose attitude is hostile to the Soviet Union, are trying by every means to prevent us from repatriating Soviet people.

"They are terrorising and deceiving our people and spreading slanders against our country." —Reuter.

## TO KEEP THEM AMUSED

WASHINGTON, OCT. 5. THE WAR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TO-DAY PLANS FOR A MILITARY "OLYMPIC GAMES" IN MANILA DURING THE LAST 10 DAYS OF DECEMBER.

An officer explained: "Despite the stepped-up movement of troops homeward, we still have plenty of men in the Pacific and their spirits get pretty low around Christmas and these games will help keep them pepped up."

Elimination tournaments will be held by troops in Japan, Hawaii and the Philippines. The winners in the three areas then will compete at Manila for titles patterned after the army championships conducted in the European theatre. —Associated Press.

## CAIRO'S DEMANDS

CAIRO, OCT. 5. ASSASSIN BANA, MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD LEADER, DEMAND FOR EVACUATION OF BRITISH TROOPS FROM EGYPT.

He said the Egyptian people are awaiting fulfillment of the long-awaited promises of the Atlantic charter.

El Bana gave his interview in a private office overlooking his three separate yards, where several thousand persons gathered nearly three hours before a night meeting.

El Bana said the leading nations should give Egypt a chance to fulfil her aspirations but the people cannot be expected to stand still when their rights are not granted.

He claims half a million men in the organization he founded years ago. He said the "brotherhood" objectives are to "unite and lead the masses" and to obtain "free government for a free people." —Associated Press.

CHUNGKING, OCT. 5. ADDITIONAL DETAILS REACHING HERE TO-DAY ABOUT GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S COUP TO REMOVE WARLORD LUNG YUN FROM CONTROL OF YUNNAN PROVINCE, DISCLOSED THAT CHINESE NATIONALIST TROOPS CLASHED WITH TWO OF LUNG'S WELL-EQUIPPED REGIMENTS IN QUELLING AN ARMED FLAREUP AT KUNMING. QUIET HAS SINCE BEEN RESTORED.

KUNMING REPORTS SAID GOVERNOR LUNG WAS INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF CHIANG'S OUSTER DECISION AND RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO YIELD HIS POWERS TO GEN. LU HAN, WHO IS IN INDO-CHINA ACCEPTING THE JAPANESE SURRENDER. LUNG'S NOTIFICATION TO HIS TROOPS FAILED TO REACH TWO REGIMENTS AND THEY RESISTED THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FORCES IN THEIR OCCUPATION OF KUNMING.

At the height of the fighting, American troops in the city were isolated in two hotels near the west gate under strict non-intervention orders.

Kunming's foreign population, huddled behind barred doors.

Maj. Gen. H. S. Auran, commander of all American forces in the Kunming area, reported a complete cessation of the fighting.

He said there was no report of any American loss of life, but three American soldiers suffered slight wounds.

A night curfew for U.S. troops continued.

VANISHING SPECIES

Chiang apparently set a pattern for his liquidation of China's war lords in ousting the most powerful of that vanishing species, Lung Yun (The Dragon) has been virtually monarch of southwest China for a score of years.

Lung, a slim, prepossessing figure, still has claim to official status in the central government, despite the liquidation of his provincial "monarchy."

The generalissimo's order of October 2 stripped him of every office under the Central Government, but named him head of the National Military Advisory Council.

Such a consolation, which may be difficult for the western mind to comprehend, presumably is based on the principle of saving "face."

The practical aspect of the appointment may be that acceptance will require Lung to come to Chungking or, eventually, Nanking, thereby separating him still further from his old vassals, retailers and petitioners in Kunming.

He will turn over his chop or official seal to General Lu Han. Li Chung Luang, as new commissioner of civil affairs in Yunnan, is acting as governor until Lu Han arrives from Indo-China.

GENERALISSIMO SECLUDED

It was learned that Chiang is keeping himself virtually out of reach of everyone but the closest members of his government, presumably to spare himself the practical remonstrances and pleadings bound to come from Lung's friends.

Completing the round of face-saving, Lung was reported to have received members of the provincial government, including new faces, at luncheon yesterday in his French-style palace surmounting the highest elevation at Kunming.

## Polite Snub To Brockway

LONDON, OCT. 5. THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, HAS REPLIED TO THE LETTER FROM MR. FENNER BROCKWAY (ON BEHALF OF THE INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY), EXPRESSING CONCERN REGARDING REPORTS THAT BRITISH FORCES WERE BEING USED TO RESTORE FRENCH AND DUTCH ADMINISTRATION IN ANNA AND JAVA, WITH THE WARNING "TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT ACCEPTING AT THEIR FACE VALUE REPORTS OF THIS KIND."

Mr. Attlee writes: "You may be certain that the British Government is carrying out the principles for which it has always stood. If you care to send me your information, I will have it checked up and a detailed reply sent to you."

"Not every movement that claims to be democratic can be accepted as such on its own statement," the Prime Minister concludes.

Mr. Fenner Brockway has replied that the source of his information were despatches from the Labour "Daily Herald" and other correspondents. —Reuter.

London, Oct. 4. Mr. M. R. Ahuja, Indian Trade Commissioner in Canada is now in London, where he is spending a few days before returning to India. —Reuter.

Lung Yun is almost a legendary figure in southwest China. There are plenty of stories about him, but most of them lack an authoritative basis. He often was seen in dark felt snap-brim hat and dark silk Chinese gown, which he wore at official functions as a change from his uniform.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

It long has been apparent to Americans that something about the administration at Kunming differed from other centres they visited. Opium establishments operated on back alleys and flocks of girls roved the streets with the tolerance of the local regime in which Chungking could scarcely meddle.

Hundreds of American army vehicles have been concentrated at Kunming and sometimes they would be stopped. There was no question but that an exorbitant "squeeze" and mainfold forms of racketeering flourished in Kunming with certain cliques. —Associated Press.

MIDNIGHT SKIRMISH

London, Oct. 6. Soon after it had been reported that General Lung Yun had been relieved of his post as Governor of Yunnan, fighting broke out in Kunming.

Martial law was proclaimed after sniping and sharp street clashes had brought the city to a virtual siege, a Chungking report said.

The actual cause of the fighting is not clear, but it started soon after troops of "Dragon" Lung's army cut the wires linking Kunming and Chungking yesterday. Central Government troops, under General Tu Liang, were reported to have restored order.

A particularly sharp skirmish occurred at midnight at the West Gate of the city, according to an American officer, when machine-guns spluttered for two hours while forces were deployed in the fields. —Reuter.

## Singapore Booty

SINGAPORE, OCT. 5. TWELVE THOUSAND TONS OF RUBBER, 1,440 TONS OF TIN AND CONSIDERABLE NAVAL STORES, INCLUDING 1,226 TWENTY-EIGHT INCH TORPEDOES ARE AMONG THE BOOTY TAKEN AT PENANG BY TROOPS OF THE SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMAND.

Penang, garrisoned by 5,000 Japanese, mostly navy men—had been converted by the Japanese into a defence bastion.

The Japanese also formed there this year an underground movement of men trained in Japanese spy schools with the intention of leaving them behind in places occupied by the Allies so as to carry out carefully co-ordinated plans for sabotage and destruction. —Reuter.

## Mr. Shaftain On The Future

(Continued from Page 1) who was attached to the King's Royal Rifles, he was able to leave for France within six weeks of his arrival in England.

"I hadn't been in France many days when I began to wish I had not been so damned anxious to get out," he said.

Mr. Shaftain saw service in the various theatres of war in France, was wounded three times and was finally "kicked out" for the count of ten months in March 1918, when the Germans made their final attack on the Somme.

PROMOTED A.S.P.

Returning to the Colony early in 1919, after a most exciting tour on the an. Coblenz, he was in charge of criminal investigation in the eastern district. Promoted A.S.P. in 1927, he took on the post of Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence and in 1939, on the outbreak of war, he took over the post of Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Of his 38 years with the Police Force here, Mr. Shaftain has spent 20 with the C.I.D. and in this connection he says that he has handled thousands of cases. "I have come into contact with some of the lowest elements of humanity but I can say that with the exception of four men, I have not met a criminal in whom could not find something decent."

## CHEN KUNG PO ARRESTED

Shanghai, Oct. 5. The daily "Li Pao" reports that Chen Kung Po, acting president of the erstwhile Nanking puppet government, was arrested at Kyoto, Japan, on October 1 and was flown to Nanking in a Chinese plane the following day.

He previously was reported to have committed suicide. The newspaper said the Chinese were sceptical and demanded the Japanese surrender him. Ten officers were to get him. —Associated Press.

## Flaming Funeral Pit Scene

LUENBURG, OCT. 5. JOSEPH KRAMER, FORMER MASTER OF TWO CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN GERMANY, WAS ACCUSED ON THURSDAY OF LINING UP SELECTED VICTIMS AT THE EDGE OF A FLAMING FUNERAL PIT USING DOGS TO FORCE SOME INTO THE PIT AND THEN MACHINE-GUNNING THE REST.

Previously, Kramer had brandied reports of mass killings at the Auschwitz camp as "untrue from beginning to end."

The prosecutor, Col. M. M. Bankhouse, read to the military court which is trying Kramer and others as war criminals, an affidavit by Regina Rosenthal, a Polish Jewess who was interned both at Auschwitz and Belsen two camps which Kramer headed. She said she witnessed the fiery pit atrocity at Auschwitz.

Kramer and the others charged with murder and mistreatment of concentration camp inmates. —Associated Press.

ONE BY ONE

Luenburg, Oct. 5. The reading of affidavits continued throughout the afternoon and one by one the accused were picked out as the authors of specific acts of cruelty.

An internee, named Marinar Winter, said, in her affidavit, that Heinrich Baech, another of the accused, shot a girl in Belsen called over another prisoner and asked her if she were thirsty. The girl said: "Yes," and Baech replied: "You can drink this dead girl's blood." —Reuter.

## RICKSHA DISCUSSION

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RICKSHA OWNERS' SYNDICATE AND OF THE RICKSHA-PULLERS WILL MEET AT THE LABOUR OFFICE AT 11 A.M. THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS TERMS FOR A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE ABOUT VEHICLE RENTAL RATES.

The Owners' syndicate wish to charge one dollar per day exactly double the pre-war rate and contend that through the four years of the Japanese occupation they had done their utmost to give the pullers a higher living standard by keeping down the rental rate to a maximum of 16.50 military yen per day when rice was nearly 200 yen a catty.

There were few rickshas on the streets yesterday, the striking pullers, it is alleged, having attempted intimidation of strike-breakers.

# Differences Which Ended Big Five Meeting

LONDON, OCT. 5. THREE OF THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO ATTENDED THE COUNCIL OF FIVE IN LONDON, MR. JAMES BYRNES, M. MOLOTOV AND M. BIDAULT, HAVE GIVEN A PUBLIC ACCOUNT TO THE PRESS OF THEIR VIEWS ON THE TERMINATION OF THE FIRST SESSION AND ITS UNDERLYING CAUSES. REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT WRITES THAT THE THREE VERSIONS REVEAL A MEASURE OF COMMON GROUND AND SOME IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION.

All three were emphatic that it would be a mistake to regard the present disagreement as the end of the Council and expressed their conviction that, after an interval for consultation between the delegates and their governments and an exchange of view between interested powers by diplomatic channels, the Council would meet again.

All three agreed that the Council deputies would continue to remain in London.

The main differences in the three foreign ministers' accounts of the proceedings really amounted to differences of emphasis on the facts which are now generally known.

M. Molotov made it plain that the Soviet viewpoint was that the work of the Council was the logical extension of the previous big three meetings and the decisions reached at these meetings.

AS A WHOLE

Mr. Byrnes emphasised the desirability of a peace-time widening of allied consultations. He said that the Potsdam decision should be faithfully adhered to, but as "a whole."

M. Bidault was equally frank in his view that any reversion to the Big Three's exclusive responsibility in taking major decisions affecting peace would be, in French opinion, a retrogressive one.

It is confirmed in British circles in London that during the conference, there was an exchange of communication between Mr. Attlee, President Truman and Generalissimo Stalin, but the exchange took place after and not before M. Molotov had dropped "his bombshell" by saying that his agreement to the big five taking part in all discussions on peace treaties was a mistake. —Reuter.

TAKING STOCK

With the Foreign Ministers to the five power talks in London on their way home, the world is taking stock of the work done by the conference in spite of its formal breakdown.

A full statement, which the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is expected to make next Tuesday to Parliament, is awaited with keen interest. To say Mr. Bevin reported to the Cabinet on the events leading to the collapse of the conference.

The Australian Foreign Minister, Dr. Evatt, told a press conference in London to-day that the failure of the conference was an opportunity for a fresh start in peace making, in which other obligations, including India and the British Dominions, should participate.

He described the provisions of the Potsdam meeting concerning the position of members of the United Nations, other than the big three, as "vague and almost unworkable."

BYRNES' PLANE DELAYED

In Washington, the important conference between President Truman and the Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, will be delayed for at least twenty-four hours, the plane taking Mr. Byrnes home has been grounded in the Azores by weather conditions.

Reuter reports from all centres how that the world is reacting: In New York, the "Herald Tribune" described the breakdown as a blessing in disguise if it leads the great brains to stop and ask themselves what they have really been talking about.

The newspaper continues: "The discovery that kicking the Soviets and other Allies in the shins is not the infallible recipe for establishing universal peace and concord, has left some Americans in a state of baffled bewilderment."

In Moscow, most Russians await Mr. Molotov's return from London with the question "What next?" on their lips.

THE ONUS

The Soviet press has not yet published the British and American versions of the differences in London but all newspapers give usual prominence to the long report of Mr. Molotov's press conference before he left for Moscow.

Yesterday, a Soviet newspaper statement from London, commenting on the closing stages of the conference, placed the onus for the breakdown on the other delegates.

There is no general comment hitherto, but generally speaking the pessimism of some sections of the foreign press is not shared here because the Russians have frequently been told by their press that differences between Russia and the other great powers are inevitable but not insurmountable.

In Paris, the newspaper "Populaire" states that the failure of the conference constitutes the "definite breaking down of secret diplomacy which, after floundering for three weeks in power politics, has reached a complete deadlock." —Reuter.

## Ceylon Sets Pace In Education

COLOMBO, OCT. 5. A NEW ERA OF FREE STATE EDUCATION FROM KINDERGARTEN TO UNIVERSITY IN CEYLON WAS STARTED AS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH.

Tuition in all Government educational institutions is now free and all grant-in-aid schools, willing to come into the scheme, have been invited to hand over management of them to the Government.

The popularity of the scheme can be judged by the fact that from 200 to 300 English schools have come into the scheme. The only opposition to the scheme comes from Christian missionaries who object to the State monopoly of education.

Education in Ceylon has been technically free and compulsory up to the age of 14 for a long time, but owing to the shortage of schools it was felt that mass illiteracy could never be eradicated unless the State assumed responsibility for education.

There are over 450 schools with about 820,000 pupils in Ceylon but when the scheme is completed the age for concluding compulsory education may be raised to 16 years.

Ceylon will spend 37,000,000 rupees or about 15 per cent of the total revenue on education this year and this may be doubled in the next few years under the new arrangements. —Reuter.

## British Swoop In Jerusalem

LONDON, OCT. 5. "WE EXPECT FROM ALL BRITISH GOVERNMENTS FAIRNESS, BRITAIN ASSUMED A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY WHEN SHE PROMISED A NATIONAL HOME TO THE JEWS."

"This national home has taken shape long ago. It is now up to the British Government to protect the interests of an indigenous population. I understand that Labour is representing the underdog, and the Arabs have always been the underdogs in Palestine."

Of partition as a possible solution of the Palestine problem, Azzam Bey said: "If you assume that partition will put an end to the trouble, then we want to see the end to this trouble."

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, part of the British mobile police with armoured cars and Tommy guns surrounded the busy thoroughfares in the centre of the city at noon yesterday.

Extensive searches began immediately and continued for some hours. Entering cafes and restaurants, the police ordered customers to leave within a few minutes and passers-by were asked for their identity cards.

This was the first large scale public search since the recent increase in the tension here. —Reuter.

SABRE-RATTLING

Johannesburg, Oct. 5. "The United Nations must not be influenced by the sabre-rattling attitude of the Secretary-General of the Arab League, Mr. Abdul Rashid Azzam," said the South African Minister of Justice, Mr. Colin Steyn, at a meeting of the Committee for Palestine, yesterday.

The meeting, which was attended by the Senators and members of the House of Assembly, passed a resolution, declaring that the opening of Palestine to Jewish immigration was the responsibility of the whole civilized world, an calling on the South African Government to use its utmost influence for the immediate abolition of the policy laid down in the British White Paper. —Reuter.

## TURKEY'S FIVE YEAR PLAN

Istanbul, Oct. 5. The Turkish Government has prepared a five-year plan, costing some \$15,000,000 for Turkish chemical, metallurgical and textile industries, it was announced yesterday.

Another plan aims at raising Turkey's coal output from 3,000,000 to 7,000,000 tons in fifteen years. —Reuter.

## Commandos Occupy "Outposts"

URGENT REQUESTS FROM THE GUERRILLA GARRISON AT TAI O AND FROM THE VILLAGE ELDERS (KAI FONGS) OF CHEUNG CHAU, LED TO THE TAKING OVER OF THESE TWO "OUTPOSTS" OF HONG KONG YESTERDAY BY THE NO. 1 COMMANDO BRIGADE.

The party that left Queen's Pier at 10 a.m. by launch was commanded by Lt.-Col. J. Turnbull, M.C., and Bar. Lt. Taberner was in command of the party left to garrison Tai O and Lt. R. Gillies took over at Cheung Chau. Others on board the launch were Lt.-Col. Pittendrigh and Major Wilson, A.S.P.

At Tai O, the party was received by Major Wong Kie-choi, commanding the Third Battalion in the Seventh War Area. The Commandos were accorded a warm reception and the Union Jack was hoisted at Tai O Police Station.

At Cheung Chau there was a great crowd at the pier to meet the incoming launch and Major Wilson, A.S.A. made contact again with many old friends.

The Police Station was found to be in ruins, but the hospital was in good condition. The request from Cheung Chau had been brought in by Dr. Koh, accredited to the hospital staff, and by one other representative. Refreshments were served at the Town Hall.

The launch returned to Hong Kong at 9 p.m.

## French Send More Ships

PARIS, OCT. 5. NAVY MINISTER LOUIS JACQUINOT SAID TO-DAY FRANCE HAD ORDERED ADDITIONAL FLEET UNITS TO SAIGON, WHERE THE ANNAMESE INDEPENDENCE LEADERS AND FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE STARTED PEACE TALKS AFTER THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE.

The Navy spokesman said the warships were ordered at Allied request to sail to Saigon to act as a deterrent to any further outbreaks in Indo-China. The battleship Richelieu and a light cruiser already are at Saigon.

A dispatch from Saigon said the Annamese were understood to be reluctant to accept the French offer of progressive self-government under a French-governor-general.

Instead, they seek a government administered solely by Annamese, subject to the jurisdiction of an Allied-nominated control commission. The dispatch said the Annamese had agreed to demands for the release of all French hostages. —Associated Press.

## SOFTBALL MATCH

In connection with the V-Day Celebrations there will be a softball exhibition game between Hong Kong Volunteers and a team representing the Rest of the Colony.

The following will represent the Volunteers: —Dickie Allen, Mickey Remedios, Gerry Gosano, Luigi Gosano, Sherry Buz, Tony Alvar, Bertie Gosano, Benie Ribeiro, Albert Leonard, F. M. Soares, P. A. Yvanovich.

Will the following "Rest" players please get in touch with Mr. H. Moonson (the Organiser of the Game) Tel. 2578.—C. Hollands, A. R. "Skelly" Razack, Barney Abbas, Arturo Osorio, A. J. "Jindoo" Hussain, Yeung Kien Sing ("showboat"), Allen, Robbie Roche, N. Beltrao, H. A. Barros, Bill Kwan, A. M. Omar, Ike Haroon.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, Oct. 5. In a League three (South) region match yesterday, Nottingham beat Southampton by 4 goals to 1. —Reuter.

London, Oct. 5. Moscow Radio said yesterday that Marshal Alexander Vlasov, hero of the Soviet Union and Commander-in-chief of the forces invading Manchuria, has been awarded the Gold Star Medal for his "conduct of operations against Japanese imperialism." —Reuter.

London, Oct. 5. Mr. Anthony Eden was to-day presented with the Freedom of the City of Durham. —Reuter.

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